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SUBJ: INFORMATION ABOUT BOYCOTTING COUNTRIES FOR PURPOSE OF TAX
REFORM ACT

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1. BURMA DOES NOT REPT NOT REQUIRE FOREIGN BUSINESS CONCERNS
TO REFRAIN IN ANY MANNER FROM ANY OF THE CONDUCT LISTED IN
3 (A) THROUGH 3 (E) OF REFTEL AS A REQUISITE FOR DOING BUSINESS
WITH THE GOVERNMENT, COMPANY OR NATIONAL OF BURMA. HOWEVER,
THE GUB MINISTRY OF TRADE HAS ISSUED DIRECTIVES PROHIBITING
DIRECT TRADE WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND THE REPLUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN).
IN THE CASE OF SOUTH AFRICA, THE TRADE BAN IS A PROTEST AGAINST
THAT GOVERNMENT'S RACIAL POLICIES. AS FOR THE ROC, THE GUB
ADHERES TO THE PRINCIPLE THAT ITS POLITICAL RELATIONS WITH THE
PRC PRECLUDE TRADE RELATIONS WITH THE ROC.

2. NEITHER TRADE BAN IS VERY PROHIBITIVE. THERE WOULD BE LITTLE
OR NO DIRECT, NATURAL TRADE BETWEEN BURMA AND SOUTH
AFRICA IN ANY CASE; AND THE GUB HAS ON OCASION PURCHASED GOODS

ORIGINATING IN TAIWAN FROM THIRD COUNTRIES. THE GUB DOES NOT
PROHIBIT THIRD COUNTRIES FROM RE-SELLING BURMESE PRODUCTS TO
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EITHER SOUTH AFRICA OR THE ROC, AND IT DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE

AGAINST FOREIGN FIRMS DOING BUSINESS WITH EITHER COUNTRY.
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